institutional set-up of Forest Development Agency (FDA) at the forest division level, and Joint Forest Management Committee (JFMC) at the village level. The Ministry has also issued guidelines dated 1.6.1990,21.2.2000, and 24.12.2002 to involve local village communities in the regeneration of degraded forests on usufruct sharing basis.

(c) Afforestation by Panchayats is a permissible activity under the Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana and National Food for Work Programme of the Ministry of Rural Development. As per information received from Ministry of Panchayati Raj, many State Governments have entrusted the item of social forestry to Panchayati Raj Institutions.

**Mumbai Trans Harbour Sea Link Project**

3932. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Maharashtra have submitted complete information regarding environmental aspects of Mumbai Trans Harbour sea link project;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when, Government propose to approve the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (c) The Government has accorded environmental clearance for Mumbai Trans Harbour Sea Link Project on 11.3.2005.

**Total forest cover area in Orissa**

3933. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the total forest covered area in the State of Orissa and out of this area of dense forest, open forest and scrub forest;

(b) the funds allocated for the standardization of nursery and establishment technique of medicinal plants;